THE

PRELIMINARIES

TO THE

Crown of Scotland.

As Proposed by the

Grand Committee.

Licensed and Entred according to Order.

SIR,

THE Committee for Setling the Government, which was appointed to draw up the Grievances and Preliminaries to the Setling the Throne, have agreed on the following Preliminaries:

I. That all who shall succeed to the Imperial Throne of this Kingdom, shall be of, and publickly profess, the true Reformed Religion presently professed in this Kingdom.

II. That they shall Marry none but those that profess the said Religion.

III. That before they enter to the Exercise of the Legal Power, or Administration of the Government, that they be bound to take the Coronation-Oath; And that all Deeds done by them before their taking the said Oath, be null, and the Subjects not obliged to obey them.

IV. That the Government of the Church by Bishops, be Abolished, and Presbytery Established.

V. That all Officers of State, Privy-Councellors, Lords of Session, and all Officers of the Army, and Governours of

Forts,

Forts, be named by the King with Consent of Parliament; and in the Intervals of Parliaments, by Consent of the Council; and such Nominations in the Interval of Parliament, only endure to the next; and if not approved by them, to be null, and all Commissions otherwise granted, to be null.

VI. That the Power of the Militia, and of Peace and War, be in the King and Parliament.

VII. That in Forfaultures for Treason, the King and his Donators shall be obliged to pay the forfaulted Persons lawful Debts contracted before the Forfaulture; at least their Effects shall be liable therefore: And the Sub-Vassals shall incur no hazard by their Superiours Forfaultures.

VIII. All Waird-holdings, and its Effects, extinguished.

IX. That no Money be levied, without Consent of Parliament.

X. Free-Quarters and locality for Soldiers, be discharged.

XI. That some Law be made like that of the *Habeas Corpus* in *England*; And that Subjects be not imprisoned *causa indicta*, and kept in Prison not tried.

XII. That there be frequent, or Triennial Parliaments.

XIII. That Treasons be more specially designed. That the Subjects be not Forfaulted upon frivolous Grounds.

XIV. That the imposing of Arbitrary and Exorbitant Fines be discharged.

XV. That the Judges Places be *ad vitam aut culpam.*

The Committee is to report the foresaid Grievances or Preliminaries Thursday next.

Sir, Yours at Command.

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